

SoYoung Lim

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When the wheels of the aircraft met the Midwestern tarmac, 18-year-old SoYoung Lim had finally reached her new home. Overwhelmed and intimidated by the unknown, the South Korean native disembarked with the task of assuming the role of an American college student.

Now a senior information systems major at UW-Eau Claire, Lim is demonstrating her rise to the challenge. From the moment she set foot on campus soil four years ago, the international student's doubts immediately began to dissolve as she became surrounded by friendly faces expressing interest and curiosity for her culture. Welcomed by her fellow student body, Lim felt inspired to document her experiences through a diary.

"I like to see how I have grown and become more open-minded over time," Lim said. "When I read through my journals and see how I've become who I am today, I'm amazed by my experience in the United States and feel blessed for the opportunity to study abroad for my college degree."

Always a storyteller, Lim discovered an affinity for capturing her daily adventures and insights through an online blog. Although its creation originally served no other purpose beyond personal hobby, the soon-to-be graduate hopes to one day expand her writing talents into the professional world.

Unsure of precisely how that future career will unfold, Lim envisions her words of reflection, observation, and unique perspective one day reaching global audiences.

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As Lim chisels out the unfamiliar world with her creative pen, both her identity as a Blugold and life beyond graduation come more clearly into focus. By tackling her worries one by one with every drop of ink, Lim proves that success at UW-Eau Claire is determined not by background or origin, but by harnessing a passion as a means to connect.

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